

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for interfacing to a system monitor, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) scanning a source file of a computer application to be monitored for one or more notification messages;
  - (b) extracting the notification message from the source code file;
  - (c) displaying the notification message in a graphical user interface;
  - (d) displaying a modifiable severity in the graphical user interface corresponding to the notification message;
  - (e) displaying a modifiable location where the notification messages are stored when generated by the computer application;
  - (f) generating an export file in a format compatible with a system monitor, the export file comprising the modifiable severity and the modified location.
2. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of assigning a default value to the modifiable severity.
3. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the notification message, the modifiable severity and the modifiable location in a table in the graphical user interface.
4. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of modifying the modifiable severity, wherein the export file comprises the modified modifiable severity.
5. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of modifying the modifiable location, wherein the export file comprises the modified modifiable location.
6. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - (a) storing the notification messages in a data file; and

(b) extracting the notification messages from the data file for display in the graphical user interface.

7. The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of removing duplicate notification messages from the data file.

8. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of translating a representation of the severity from numerical to textual to be compatible with the system monitor.

9. The method recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of translating a representation of the severity from textual to numerical to be compatible with the system monitor.

10. A system for interfacing to a system monitor, comprising:

a source file corresponding to a computer application to be monitored;

an import module to extract notification messages from the source file and store the notification messages in a scan file;

a manager module to display each of the notification messages stored in the scan file in a table in a scrollable window in a graphical user interface; and

an export module to store data in the table in a format acceptable to the system monitor.

11. The system recited in claim 10, further comprising means for modifying the data in the table.

12. The system recited in claim 10, further comprising means for converting data in the table to the format acceptable to the system monitor.

13. The system recited in claim 12, further comprising means for converting severity level data in the table from a text format to a numerical format.

14. The system recited in claim 12, further comprising means for converting severity level data in the table from a numerical format to a text format.